

Hammel's Restaurant
416 Tenth Street NW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-485

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STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Hammel's Restaurant		HABS NO. DC-485
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 416 Tenth Street, Washington, D.C., Square 348, Lot 824.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1868-1870 (see attached sheet)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The early 20th Century facade of this building (not original) exhibits classical details which, combined with its scale and massing are harmonious with its 19th Century neighbor. Originally a dwelling, the structure is located in the Pennsylvania Avenue Historic Distr.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The facade is of pressed brick and interior members are brick bearing walls and wooden floor joists.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The building is rectangular with a small courtyard formed by the narrow addition on the rear. It measures 26' x 80' and is four stories tall with a basement and attic.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE 416 Tenth Street is three bays wide and four stories tall with attic space and a basement. The brick facade has been covered with wood shingles at the first floor and an arched cloverawning projects over the offset left entrance. A bay window with diagonally hatched pane windows is in the center bay. An offset right entrance is of wood and glass, (see attach		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The basement is a narrow, low ceilinged area containing commercial refrigerators and mechanical equipment. Brick piers regularly separate the space. A staircase along the north wall leads to the first floor. The first floor has two dining areas; one at the east side of the building, extending almost the full width of the building, and (see attached)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Building Permits cited are as follows: (see attached)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE First and second floors are used as restaurant and kitchen space while the upper floors are apartment spaces (only one is occupied). The building has been well maintained.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE A rendering of the U.S. Storage Building at 418-420 Tenth Street in the Columbia Historical Society collection of B.S. Simmons (architect of 418-420) shows 416 Tenth Street prior to facade alteration of 1911. What is visible is a balcony extending the width of the facade. See also DC-493 for additional information.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds; District of Columbia Building Permits, D.C. Tax Records and D.C. General Assessment Records, National Archives; Baist's Atlas of Washington; Martin Luther King Library, Washingtoniana Room, Washington, D.C.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION W.F. Hunter, Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation		DATE 2/81

Date of Construction (cont'd)

Construction of this building before 1870 precludes the possibility of verifying with building permits. Washington Tax Records show a marked increase in improvement values between 1868 and 1870 (1868- lot \$2597 improvement \$6000; 1870-lot \$6493 improvement \$13,700). Since the entry is not in red ink, indicating new construction, it can be assumed construction took place just prior to assessment; therefore between 1869-1870.

Exterior Features of Note (cont'd)

multi-paned, with a paned transom light. A rectangular sign is hung over the center bay. Second story windows are recessed in round-head arched openings with limestone tripartite keystones and rectangular imposts. The windows are rectangular center-opening frames with eight panes per side. Stone sills rest on a stone stringcourse.

Third and fourth story windows have brick flat arches with limestone keystones and stone sills. They are ~~six-over-six~~ double-hung sash windows.

The full entablature projects strongly from the facade surface. There is a molded cornice with modillions in the bed molding of the corona as well as dentils. The architrave is made of brick cresting.

A vertically hung sign projects between the two northern-most (right) windows on the second and third story and a metal fire escape is located on the south of the facade. The ladder extends up to the cymatium but does not physically break through the entablature.

Interior Features of Note (cont'd)

the other in the northwest section. The kitchen and service areas are located in the northeast portion of the building. A staircase at the north wall leads to a second floor dining area and coat check room.

Entry to the third and fourth floors is gained through an offset right door at street level, with a two-story staircase. Directly north of the landing is an apartment with four rooms off a long corridor. South of the landing are three steps leading to three rooms, currently being used as rental office space. The fourth floor is also divided into apartment space with a total of three rooms and a bathroom. A staircase leads to the attic space which is unfinished. There are three rooms here, with exposed roof rafters. The staircase from the first to second floor has decorative newels and wood banister.

Major Alterations and Additions With Dates (cont'd)

- 7/16/84 #104 - Drain and concrete cellar, tear out old bathroom and repair weatherboards
9/9/11 #1268 - New Front, one new flight of stairs, erect rear wall, cover front area with pavement lights; Architect A.P. Clark, Jr., Contractor Boryer and Smith.
3/24/31 #140899- Architect/Designer N.M. Delton; Contractor Lisses; construct two toilets and partitions, also skylight, cut one window in women's room and put up plastered partition in kitchen.
9/5/44 #272905- Architect, Contractor Frelett Contracting Co.; lower basement one floor, no underpinning required.
10/12/44 #273984- Architect, Contractor Frelett Contracting Co.; install two new toilets.
10/25/44 #274385- Architect, Contractor Frelett Contracting Co.; alter third and fourth story as per plans, now used for living quarters.
1/13/45 #275490- Architect Contractor Frelett Contracting Co.; install new front as shown on drawings. (This would appear to be the extant wood show window and front).
1/15/45 #275501- Architect Contractor Frelett Contracting Co.; build one story brick addition for commercial use, flat roof, slag covered. (This addition is located on the west end of the building, at the center and adjacent to a small ell already existing).
5/21/47 #295244- Architect Richard N. Reed; Contractor Schubereed Co.; cut opening in frame partition 4'0" x 2'6" between present dining room and new bar room.